



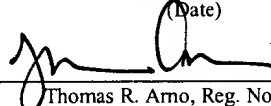
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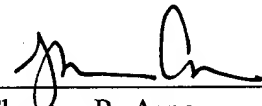
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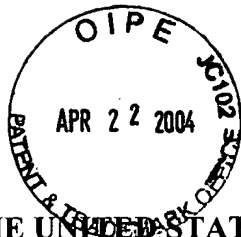
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Dear Sir:

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In response to the Restriction Requirement in the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 24, 2004, Applicants hereby elect Group I, consisting of Claims 1-8, drawn to a method of characterizing the biological activity of a candidate compound by monitoring changes in transmembrane potential, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

The Applicant submits that the above election of Group I, now places the application in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions which may be answered by telephone, he is invited to call the undersigned directly.

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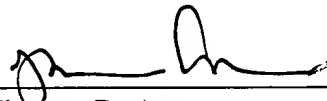
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